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Subject: Re: Falcon Refinery
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Stephen, I have one comment concerning the pipeline cleanuout report.

In the "Introduction" (Page 1, 2nd paragraph) the report states that:

"However, since the ends of the pipelines near the former barge dock facility were not excavated and the poor condition of the pipelines an adequate clean out of the pipelines was not performed."

At the Site, we (EPA, Kleinfelder, and contractor) decided that the pipelines leading from the former barge dock were at a higher elevation than the area where the jetting of the pipelines (toward the wetland area) was performed and that any liquids present between the former dock and the jetting area would gravity flow towards the area where the surging occurred and would be retrieved at the excavation. I believe the lines leading from the former dock to the excavation area in the wetlands were adequately cleaned.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject Falcon Refinery

Attached is the June 2007 Monthly Progress Report for the Falcon Refinery. I have received comments from Mr. Bergner about the Pipeline Clean Out Report, however, none from the EPA. I had hoped to include the report in this monthly update.

Gary, Rafael, do you have any comments?

I sent this email yesterday but as noted below our network experienced difficulties yesterday. Sorry for the inconvenience.

As you are painfully aware, yesterday and today we have had some problems with network outages. The outage that occurred Monday morning on July 9th was directly related to a Denial Of Service (DOS) attack on our firewall. This DOS attack uses many computers to direct traffic at a firewall to cause it to become overwhelmed with protecting the network that it will no longer respond to valid users. This occurred for about 3 hours yesterday. We have been working with our internet providers to try and isolate where this traffic originated to try and prevent this from happening again. Before our providers were able to track the addresses down, the attack stopped.

Today's outage, although similar in its outcome, was caused by a filter that we placed on the firewall. We had placed a filter to prevent internet based music access. Once this filter was put into place, the firewall overwhelmed with trying to deny user requested music access to our network. This music is being requested by Kleinfelder users. Based on the amount of traffic coming in, we have over 100 users still accessing internet based music. Please refrain from listening to internet based music with your browsers or dedicated programs like iTunes, Rhapsody, MusicMatch, etc. All of these programs continuously pull music from the internet.

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